



Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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Minutes – December 5, 2019

Chair Robert Christie called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present were: Selectmen Robert Christie, S. Josephine Cooper, Nathan Mason, Gary McFarland, Kathleen Rybarz; Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Carol Mason, Mark Harris, Richard Arnold and Brett Jones

Agenda Review – No changes were proposed to the printed agenda. There was no addendum.

Minutes – November 21, 2019 – Kathleen moved to approve the minutes. Jo noted a minor correction was needed and submitted it in writing. She 2nd the motion with the correction. **Vote in favor (as corrected) was 5-0.**

Expenditure Warrant 13 – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$99,893.18. Bob asked about the payment to Forest Hill Cemetery. Stu said several years ago the Selectmen and the two major cemetery corporations entered an agreement for care of Veterans' graves, and this was the bill for that.

Cash & Budget Report – Jo asked about the Transfer Station Fund. Stu said that fund was being used to pay for the concept facility redesign.

Checking Account Reconciliation – Selectmen signed the form expressing satisfaction with review of the checking account reconciliation for November 2019 which was distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting.

Property Line Agreement – Stu reported that Herrick and Salsbury had offered to prepare a description of a line agreement between the town and Marion McDevitt for \$500. He said an attorney would need to prepare the actual agreement form. Jo moved to authorize Herrick and Salsbury to do the work. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.**

Transfer Station Security – Stu reported that transfer station manager reported that the gate was open one day last week and he was not sure why. He said the manager had no additional security ideas. The Selectmen did not offer any security additions at this time, no action was taken.

Code Enforcement – Stu reported that he distributed (electronically) the redetermination by the Code Enforcement Officer in regard to the Moldawer matter, as well as an appeal that was filed by Mr. Moldawer via Mark Harris earlier in the day. Mr. Harris said that Mr. Moldawer had received the decision the prior day and briefly recapped the appeal. Jo said it did not appear the Board had any action to take. Bob asked if this was informational only. Mr. Harris confirmed that he was attempting to keep the Selectmen in the loop. Stu reported that the Appeals Board Chairman may not be in a position to schedule a meeting. Appeals Board member Brett Jones said the board's vice-chair may have to handle the appeal.

Facilities Maintenance Director – Stu suggested moving this matter to the end of the meeting and holding an executive session to discuss applicants. There was no objection.

Budget Committee Member – Jo said she would like to see some different people in town become involved through the Budget Committee. A brief discussion followed, but no names were offered for appointment.

Recreation Committee – Stu noted the Recreation Committee is meeting tonight and may have a recommendation for an appointee to replace Patti Haslam who resigned last meeting.

Goals – Bob said the reference he made at the prior meeting was an old list of goals, and he noted that a community center came up then. Jo said the issue of aging populations also came up as a possible focus. Nathan said he recalled that when the goals were discussed several years ago, there were a lot of things on the plate. Jo said the town can tap into its existing infrastructure for some matters. Bob said each member should consider a goal or two to discuss. He noted that there is work being done on a written history of the town, as well as the Lamoine 150! Parade next summer.

Solar Project – Stu said he had a conference call with SunPower, Larissa Thomas and Mike Jordan on Monday. He said matters involving the lease contract, extending 3-phase power, selling the energy, and the net billing issues were discussed. There was a brief discussion on what to do with the potential income. Mr. Jones noted that the Town of Osborne has benefitted financially with money from wind turbines.

Lamoine 150! – Jo said there is an event on Saturday at 2PM at the Grange Hall. She said postcards with the next set of events went out in the mail. She said they are working on the parade for August. Kathleen noted some families' projects. Jo said on February 11, 2020 there will be a "Day in the Life of Lamoine" when people are encouraged to take pictures of what is going on in town. Bob noted there was a discussion about an alternate parade route.

Cupola – Gary said that'd he had made contact with a company that does steeple work and he asked Mid Maine Restorations to contact Stu. Stu reported the gentlemen stopped by earlier in the day and said they should be able to get the bell out of the cupola without removing the cupola from the building. He said the gentleman found where the cupola is leaking, as there is a sizeable hole in the roof. He said the company is going to send an estimate on repairing things.

Other Matters – Abutter Notice – Bob asked whether abutters are notified when permits are applied for. Stu said only those that the ordinance requires. He said he posts the permits issued by the Code Enforcement Officer on the town's website. A brief discussion followed.

Budget – Stu said he had no additional budgets prepared for the evening, noting that the Budget and Community Center Study Committee will meet jointly on Monday. Mr. Jones said it's a bit premature to start talking money for a community center. Discussion followed on school priorities and the Community Center survey, as well as the school building.

Next Meeting – Bob listed the next schedule meeting for December 19th, and the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month for January and February.

Executive Session – Jo moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(a) for the purposes of discussing applicants for the Facilities Maintenance Director's job. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.** In at 7:50 PM, out at 7:57 PM.

Facilities Maintenance Director – Nathan moved to offer the position to Michael Hodgkins of Trenton, and to have Stu negotiate the rate of compensation. Gary 2nd. **Vote in favor was 5-0.** Kathleen said if Mr. Hodgkins chose not to accept, an offer could be extended to another applicant.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Adm. Asst. to the Selectmen